Investments in the Public and Private Sector

2196. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the details of the total investment in the public and private sectors, separately, excluding the current outlay for the public sector during the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): The total investment, showing investments in Public and Private Sectors separately, excluding the current outlay for the Public Sector during the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans vis-a-vis the percentage share of the public and private sectors are given in the Table below:—

	Investment in Rs. crores		
	Public Sector (excluding current outlay)	Private Sector	Total
1 Fifth Plan (1974—79)	36703 (57·6)	27048 (42·4)	63751 (100·0)
2 Sixth Plan (1980—85)	84000 (52·9)	74710 (47·1)	158710 (100·0)
3 Seventh Plan (1985—90) (Target)	154218 (47·8)	168148 (52·2)	322366 (100·0)

N.B. Figures in bracket indicate the share (in perc ent) of Public and Private Sector to corresponding Total Plan Investment.

Selection of Journalists to cover officially sponsored visits

2197. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Council of India has considered the request of some journalists to formulate guidelines, in view of their complain that the change in Government's policy of selection of pressmen for officially sponsored visits for news coverage by 'pick and choose' is greatly harming them;

(b) if so, whether the Council had invited views and comments of Government;

(c) whether Government have offered any comments; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF that since such press tours are organised to help better projection of the achievements made by the Government in various fields of development, the manner of selection of journalists should entirely rest with the Government and non-inclusion of certain journalists cannot be regarded as a restrictive measure on the Press. The Government, in any case makes the selection on a non-discriminatory basis and efforts are made to cover as wide a field of the media as possible.